

A SEAT OF LEARNING.

Some Educational Facilities Of The National Capital.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—That Washington still retains its prestige as a seat of learning is amply attested by the matriculation rolls of the various educational institutions of the national capital for the academic year just beginning. There are already many of these, covering a wide range of study and offering peculiar advantages, and constant additions are being made to their number and facilities. This is especially true of the great Catholic institution, which has developed into magnificent proportions in the last few years and which makes Washington



SECTION OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE NEW TRINITY COLLEGE.

the most important seat of Catholic learning in the country. The twelfth academic year of the Catholic University of America was begun a few days ago with the largest attendance in its history. The polyglot character of the student body is quite remarkable, embracing, as it does, Cubans, Porto Ricans, Frenchmen, Spaniards, Germans, Japanese, as well as representatives from the various states of the Union.

The Catholic University of America will ere long have a sister institution entirely worthy of it in the new Trinity college, an institution for the higher education of young women, the main building of which is now receiving its finishing touches. It is announced that it will be ready to receive students on Nov. 1, and on Nov. 6 it will be dedicated by Cardinal Gibbons, who is ex officio president of the advisory board of the college. This institution is under the auspices of the Sisters of Notre Dame, who have for some years been conscientiously at work soliciting aid for the construction of the building which is now about ready for occupancy. Through the efforts of this little band of ardent workers much enthusiasm has been aroused for the college, and enough funds are now in the treasury to defray all the expenses for the completion of the main building, something over \$100,000. This building will afford accommodations for about 100 students, besides apartments for the congregation of sisters and teachers. The plans of the college were made by Sister Mary of Notre Dame, and she has given personal supervision to the construction of the new structure.

The college site, which was purchased three years ago by the alumnae and friends of the Sisters of Notre Dame, is well adapted for a campus. The main building, about which there will be grouped several auxiliary buildings, is constructed on a high elevation and is of Port Deposit stone, with trimmings of North Carolina granite and a roof of celadine tile. The view from the college is picturesque and attractive, overlooking on the north the Catholic university and the extensive park of the United States Soldiers' home, while on the south rise the domes of the national capital and the Congressional library. The Smithsonian institution and the great department buildings are also in full view. The auxiliary buildings to be erected and equipped as soon as the money is subscribed are a science building, art school, music hall, gymnasium and residence building for use in case the present building becomes overcrowded. With the completion of these buildings there will be accommodations for 600 students, and they will afford especial facilities for the higher education of young women. The endowments will be sufficient to insure an efficient corps of teachers, and the faculty will be enlisted from the most experienced and capable members of the Sisters of Notre Dame. The authorities claim that the standard will in every way be equal to that of Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr or any other of the leading schools for young women.

Among the prominent women who have taken an especial interest in Trinity college and have contributed generously for the new building are Mrs. Thomas H. Carter of Montana, Mrs. Maurice Francis Egan, Mrs. W. C. Robinson, Miss Olive Risley Seward, Miss Marie E. Patterson and Miss Ella Lorraine Dorsey, all of whom are members of the auxiliary board of regents.

Another notable addition to the educational facilities of Washington is the National Cathedral school, the first structure to be finished in the cathedral close, an estate on Mount St. Alban, bought some two years ago by the Episcopal diocese of Washington,

where one day a settlement of buildings devoted to educational and religious uses will cluster around the projected Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. Of this I may write under a later date.

Washington, as I have said, offers peculiar advantages for advanced study in every department of human knowledge. Here are great libraries, museums and scientific collections, which are important educational auxiliaries. Nowhere are these helps to culture more extensive and varied than here. Another addition to these facilities will be the new Washington Public library, the building for which is now in course of construction. It is of course not to be compared with the great library of congress, but it will be no mean addition to Washington's literary and artistic attractions. This is the outcome of a gift of \$350,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a public library building at the national capital. The foundation work for the building has been completed and the contract has been awarded for the superstructure, which it is hoped to have completed within the coming year. The contract is for \$277,000, which, with the cost of the omitted items, foundation work, commissions to architects and superintendent of construction and miscellaneous expenses, will exhaust the \$350,000 donated for public library purposes by Mr. Carnegie.

The building will stand in the center of Mount Vernon square, east and west, but is to approach at its rear close to the north line of the square, thus placing considerable park space south of the structure and enhancing its architectural effect as its long south front and main entrance are approached.

The structure to be provided under the contract and now in course of construction is to consist of a rectangular central pavilion, 111 feet 5 inches long (north and south) and 92 feet 10 inches broad, with equal wings, east and west, respectively, each 63 feet 6 inches long (north and south) and 54 feet 10 inches broad. The structure will thus have a maximum width on the basement line of 219 feet 10 inches at its front (east and west) and a maximum depth of 111 feet 5 inches in its central pavilion on the north and south line.

The exterior stonework will be of white marble, the basement being of Medford pink granite. The interior will not be as elaborate as was first planned, but it will be unusually attractive, a notable feature of which will be the white marble staircase.

The building will be entirely fireproof throughout, solidly and strongly constructed and in every way a truly monumental and permanent structure appropriate for its purposes as a public library building in a public square. The book stack will be made entirely of steel and iron and with glass or marble decks. It will be five stories of seven feet each in height and have a capacity of about 264,500 books.

The acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's gift of a library building carries with it the pledge of suitable maintenance of the library by congress, upon which the donation was conditioned. Congress, acting as the District's legislature, will undoubtedly fulfill this pledge. The new library has already



MAIN PORTION OF THE NEW WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

about 20,000 volumes. There is good prospect that legislation will be secured from congress which will turn over to the library the miscellaneous books not necessary for reference and official use in the departmental libraries. These number between 20,000 and 30,000. Their withdrawal from the 300,000 volumes of the departmental libraries would not injure the latter as technical reference collections for official use, but would cause the Washington Public library to become a general departmental library for the enjoyment and free circulating use of all the employees in all the departments.

There is also a possibility of securing the use for circulating purposes of some of the duplicates, copyrighted or uncopyrighted, in the library of congress. The creation of a circulating department of the latter library has been forcibly urged in congress, but has met with determined opposition.

A compromise between these conflicting views of the true functions of the library of congress may result in the popular circulating use of many of these books through their loan to the Washington Public library.

The relations of nation and capital are such as to make the Washington Public library in principle as much of a government institution as the library of congress. By continuing to develop the latter along its natural lines as a great reference library for scholars and students and by rendering available for public use its circulating books through the medium of the Washington Public library as the national local lending library the nation will waste no fraction of its library resources, and instead of permitting thousands of miscellaneous volumes to remain unused on the shelves they will all be rendered most fully available both for reference and circulating purposes for the benefit of the people of the republic.

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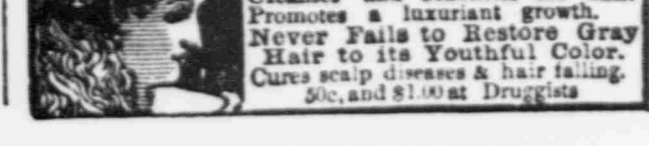
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Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily		Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
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4:05p	10:00a	10:00a	10:00a	Jacksonville	Ar	7:30p	10:10a	10:10a
5:15p	11:10a	11:10a	11:10a	St. Augustine	Ar	8:30p	9:00a	9:00a
5:20p	11:15a	11:15a	11:15a	St. Augustine	Ar	8:35p	9:05a	9:05a
5:25p	11:20a	11:20a	11:20a	Hastings	Ar	8:40p	9:10a	9:10a
5:30p	11:25a	11:25a	11:25a	East Palatka	Ar	8:45p	9:15a	9:15a
5:35p	11:30a	11:30a	11:30a	Palatka	Ar	8:50p	9:20a	9:20a
5:40p	11:35a	11:35a	11:35a	Palatka	Ar	8:55p	9:25a	9:25a
5:45p	11:40a	11:40a	11:40a	San Mateo	Ar	9:00p	9:30a	9:30a
5:50p	11:45a	11:45a	11:45a	San Mateo	Ar	9:05p	9:35a	9:35a
5:55p	11:50a	11:50a	11:50a	East Palatka	Ar	9:10p	9:40a	9:40a
6:00p	11:55a	11:55a	11:55a	Ormond	Ar	9:15p	9:45a	9:45a
6:05p	12:00p	12:00p	12:00p	Daytona	Ar	9:20p	9:50a	9:50a
6:10p	12:05p	12:05p	12:05p	Port Orange	Ar	9:25p	9:55a	9:55a
6:15p	12:10p	12:10p	12:10p	New Smyrna	Ar	9:30p	10:00a	10:00a
6:20p	12:15p	12:15p	12:15p	Oak Hill	Ar	9:35p	10:05a	10:05a
6:25p	12:20p	12:20p	12:20p	Titusville	Ar	9:40p	10:10a	10:10a
6:30p	12:25p	12:25p	12:25p	City Point	Ar	9:45p	10:15a	10:15a
6:35p	12:30p	12:30p	12:30p	Cocoa	Ar	9:50p	10:20a	10:20a
6:40p	12:35p	12:35p	12:35p	Rockledge	Ar	9:55p	10:25a	10:25a
6:45p	12:40p	12:40p	12:40p	Kau Gallie	Ar	10:00p	10:30a	10:30a
6:50p	12:45p	12:45p	12:45p	Melbourne	Ar	10:05p	10:35a	10:35a
6:55p	12:50p	12:50p	12:50p	Roseland	Ar	10:10p	10:40a	10:40a
7:00p	12:55p	12:55p	12:55p	Sebastian	Ar	10:15p	10:45a	10:45a
7:05p	1:00p	1:00p	1:00p	St. Lucie	Ar	10:20p	10:50a	10:50a
7:10p	1:05p	1:05p	1:05p	Fort Pierce	Ar	10:25p	10:55a	10:55a
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7:25p	1:20p	1:20p	1:20p	Jensen	Ar	10:40p	11:10a	11:10a
7:30p	1:25p	1:25p	1:25p	Stuart	Ar	10:45p	11:15a	11:15a
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8:00p	1:55p	1:55p	1:55p	Lemon City	Ar	11:15p	11:45a	11:45a
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No. 27	No. 25	No. 17	No. 15	STATIONS.	No. 16	No. 18	No. 28
Sun only	Sun only	Daily	Daily		Daily	Sun only	Sun only
6:30p	2:00p	5:30p	8:15a	Jacksonville	Ar	7:45a	5:00p
6:35p	2:05p	5:35p	8:20a	So. Jacksonville	Ar	7:50a	5:05p
6:40p	2:10p	5:40p	8:25a	Pablo Beach	Ar	7:55a	5:10p
6:45p	2:15p	5:45p	8:30a	Mayport	Ar	8:00a	5:15p

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3:30p	1:05p	Lake Helen	Ar	1:30p
3:35p	1:10p	Orange City	Ar	1:35p
3:40p	1:15p	Orange City Junction	Ar	1:40p

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7:05a	1:05p	Mims	Ar	1:30p	1:30p
7:10a	1:10p	Osteen	Ar	1:35p	1:35p
7:15a	1:15p	Enterprise	Ar	1:40p	1:40p
7:20a	1:20p	Sanford	Ar	1:45p	1:45p

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